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PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-7167

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Toshio SHIMIZU et al.) Confirmation No.: 3575
Application No.: 10/522,178) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: January 24, 2005) Examiner: B. Nash
For: STAPLER AND CARTRIDGE) Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 responding to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006.
2. Additional papers enclosed:

- Drawings: Formal Informal (Correction)

 Information Disclosure Statement
 Form PTO-1449, _____ references included
 Citations
 Declaration of Biological Deposit
 Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for <u>Extension</u>	[Fee for Small Entity]
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$_____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	5	minus	20		x \$50 each=	+ \$
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	2	minus	3		x \$200 each=	+ \$
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)				\$360.00	+ \$	
SUB-TOTAL =						\$
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$
TOTAL FEE =						\$

6. Fee Payment

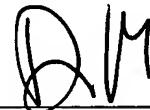
- No fee is to be paid at this time.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge _____ for _____ to Deposit Account 50-0310.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 6, 2006

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SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS

Filed herewith are one (1) replacement sheet of drawings containing four (4) figures.

These replacement sheets are being filed to conform the drawings with the requirements as noted in the Office Action dated March 6, 2006. It is respectfully submitted that these replacement sheets introduce no new matter. It is respectfully requested that these drawings be approved and

made part of the official record in the above-identified patent application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of these drawings, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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